



Immaculate Conception Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
November 22, 2009

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Masses.....Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Holy Day 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Weekday 10:00 A.M.
Religious Instructions .. Sunday 10:30-11:45
Baptism Please arrange with the pastor in advance to discuss pre-baptismal instructions.
Marriage ... By appointment with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the date of marriage.
Reconciliation (Confession) ... Thirty minutes before weekend Masses — or by appointment.

Liturgical Reflection

Thanksgiving

**DAY OF PRAYER:
FOR THE HARVEST AND FRUITS OF THE EARTH**

This Thursday, November 26th, our country observes Thanksgiving Day and our Diocese observes a Day of Prayer for the Harvest and the Fruits of the Earth. We are full of gratitude for the many gifts the Lord has bestowed on us and those we love. Make an attempt to participate at Mass this day. Join all in the Diocese in praying this prayer:



Father, all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we are filled with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Grounded in your consistent love, help us to reach out in love to all your people, so that we may share with them the goods of time and eternity. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Humor
A CCD teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to “Honor your father and your mother,” she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?” Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, “Thou shall not kill.”

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today’s Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar

- ◆ Campaign for Human Development Collection November 21st–22nd
- ◆ Basket Bingo 2:00 PM Sunday November 22nd
- ◆ Thanksgiving Thursday November 26th
- ◆ Advent Begins Sunday November 29th
- ◆ Immaculate Conception Tuesday December 8th Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Intentions

- Sat. Nov. 21 5:30 PM ... **Conko Family** by Donor
- Sun. Nov. 22 9:00 AM ... **Ron Kessler** by Bob and Linda Shaw
- Mon. Nov. 23 .. 10:00 AM ... **Intention of John and Betty Zelanko** by Donor
- Tue. Nov. 24 .. 10:00 AM ... **Ron Kessler** by Nursing Friends
- Wed. Nov. 25 .. 10:00 AM ... **Helen Shieffer** by the Estate
- Thur. Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING
10:00 AM ... **Georgia Gracey** by Mom and Dad
- Fri. Nov. 27 .. 10:00 AM ... (No Mass)
- Sat. Nov. 28 5:30 PM .. **98th Birthday Blessings, Anna Hucovsky** by Her Church Family
- Sun. Nov. 29 9:00 AM .. **Willard Thomas** by Buck and Linda Shaw

Collection Report

November 14th–15th ... \$1,776⁰⁰

Liturgical Reflection

Music: A Sign of Love

Throughout this past year the liturgical inserts have presented the teaching of the bishops of the United States on the place of music in Catholic worship. A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things. Music is a sign of God’s love for us and of our love for God. It is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God among believers. The primordial song of the Liturgy is the canticle of victory over sin and death. Christ, our crucified and risen King, is the Lord and Master of all who bear the name Christian.



Sing to the Lord Music in Divine Worship, Numbers 2 and 7

Shortfall

We are very thankful to the late Mary Valigorsky Maffucci for remembering us in her will, making it possible for us to create a truly beautiful landscape in Mary’s Meadow in honor of Our Lady of Broad Top Mountain. We did not spend all of her bequest—\$50,000 has been invested so that the interest earned can be used for upkeep in future years, as she requested.

Some of you may ask why some of the money has not been used for other purposes such as the Food Pantry, help for those in need to pay their fuel bills, and so on. Because of the way her will was written, we had no choice. Legally, we could use the money **only** for Grotto improvements.

It’s ironic that at the same time we’re beautifying our grounds, our parish has been experiencing a **shortfall** of about \$500 a month. You are well aware that expenses such as heating and electricity have been rising faster than your income has. The Church has the same problem. The solution? If each of our Church families will donate an extra \$125 each week, we will have enough to pay our bills. Can we give up, say, a bottle of Pepsi a week to help out? Thanks!

Choose Life ...

Mother Teresa declared, “Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.”

I.C. Gift Shop

Be sure to visit the **Gift Shop** in our church hall – it’s not too early to browse for Christmas gifts!

ICC Relay for Life Team

Longaberger Basket Bingo will be held in our hall this afternoon beginning at two o’clock.

HELP WANTED!

Your assistance is badly needed! Please give a few minutes of your time as Gift Bearer, Altar Server, Lector, Choir Member, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher. Talk to Reneé if you can help.



Pray for Vocations